







**Officially sworn in ...** Donniss Scott (left) was officially sworn in as a lawyer in the State of Texas by 106th District Judge Carter Schildknecht (right) at the Lynn County Courthouse Tuesday. Mrs. Scott is an attorney at Huffaker Law Firm in Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO)

### Wilson State Bank Announces Promotions

Wilson State Bank is pleased to announce the promotions of Steve Sherrill to Executive Vice President, Mickey Hughes to Vice President, and Becky Ussery to Assistant Vice President and to announce the addition of Julia Castro as a member of the Board of Directors.

Sherrill has an Agricultural Economics degree from West Texas University and is a graduate of the New Mexico School of Banking. He has 28 years of banking experience, three of which have been with Wilson State Bank at the Tahoka branch office.

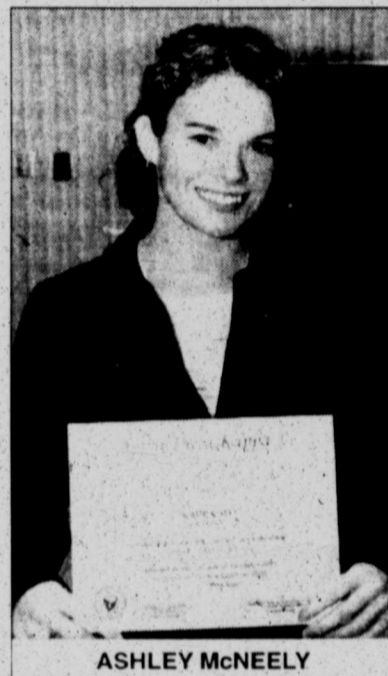
Hughes has an Agricultural Education Degree from Texas Tech University and 15 years banking experience. He has been with Wilson State Bank for almost two years. He divides his time between the offices at Wilson and Tahoka.

Mrs. Ussery has worked at Wilson State Bank for eight years and has received diplomas in General Banking, Bank Operations, and Consumer Lending from the Center for Financial Training.

Mrs. Castro is a retired banker, having worked for Wilson State Bank for over 40 years.



**Silver Medallists at District OAP ...** These Wilson ISD junior high students won Second Place at the District One Act Play contest at Dawson, for their performance of "Bernice Bobs Her Hair." Each of the students received silver medals for their second place win.



ASHLEY McNEELY

### Letter To The Editor

#### Generous Spirit Is Appreciated

Dear Editor,

Recently the Christian group that I belong to purchased shoes for needy students at Tahoka ISD. I contacted Steve, the manager at Shoe Carnival in Lubbock about discount prices. When we arrived at the store, Sarah, another manager, found all of the shoes we were looking for. She matched styles and sizes for each child and even helped us find the best deal on socks. Our group purchased nice, name brand shoes and socks for six students at a huge discount price and in record time.

At this time of year many folks complain about the commercialism of Christmas, but I have witnessed a commercial business that expressed the true nature of the season. Thank you Shoe Carnival for your generosity.

Vivian McAfee  
Member of Women in Christ



#### All Region Singer ...

Trey Daves is shown holding his Junior High All-Region Choir patch and award. In competition against 400+ students from 2A-5A junior high students, Trey placed first chair 1st tenor in the junior high tenor-bass choir. Last Saturday after practicing all day, the All Region Jr. High Tenor-Bass Choir, the Jr. High Treble Choir, and the High School Choir performed at Lubbock's Monterey High School that evening, with each choir performing four numbers. "We are very proud of Trey and his accomplishments, especially that a small school student can compete and even excel against students from large junior highs as those of Lubbock," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Lora Smith.



**All-Star Performers ...** These Wilson Junior High students were awarded individual medals at District One Act Play contest. Stacie Marquez and Heather Hare made the All Star Cast, and Wade Warren and Dillon Rodriguez made the Honorable Mention All Star Cast. Additionally, Savanna Pena (not shown) received an award for best crew.

### Wilson Jr. High OAP Wins 2nd At District

On Saturday, Nov. 19, seventeen Wilson ISD junior high students competed in the district One Act Play contest at Dawson, bringing home a second place win for the cast and crew. They performed "Bernice Bobs Her Hair," an adaptation by D.D. Brooke from the classic short story from F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Each of the students received silver medals for their second place win. In addition, five of the students were awarded individual medals. Stacie Marquez and Heather Hare made the All Star Cast, Wade Warren and Dillon Rodriguez made the Honorable Mention All Star Cast, and Savanna Pena received an award for best crew.

Completing the ensemble and crew were Lindsey Aldous, Jenna Autry, Cody Cross, Brandon Bassinger, Laura Joiner, Felipe Ortega, Rito Martinez, Amber Valadez, Macayla Kirk, Artie Castillo, Haley Kirk, and Johnny Valdez. Val Perkins and Vicki Oden directed the play.

"Bernice Bobs Her Hair" is a play set in the summer of the early 1920's at a dance floor of a midwestern country club. The sweet, but dull Bernice (played by Heather Hare) is visiting her vamp of a cousin Marjorie (played by Stacie Marquez). Marjorie coaches her cousin into becoming a smooth-talking flirt, but the makeover works too well. Bernice becomes the belle of the ball, captivating every boy at the dance including Marjorie's boyfriend, Warren (played by Cody Cross). When the tables turn, the changed Bernice realizes that she has been a pawn in Marjorie's societal game and develops a plan of her own to have the last laugh ... a clever and ironic twist that surprises the audience.

### McNeely Inducted Into SPC Honor Society

South Plains College inducted Ashley McNeely of Tahoka into the Kappa Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society on November 15 at 7:00 pm in the SPC Sundown Room.

McNeely, a THS graduate, is the daughter of Todd and Rhonda McNeely of Tahoka.

Requirements for induction include attendance at an institution offering an associate degree program, complete at least 12 hours of coursework and maintain a grade point average of 3.5. Members experience several benefits including enrollment in a senior college database, access to letters of recommendation and a membership pin.

### NEW AT THE LIBRARY

*Blue Smoke*  
by Nora Roberts

Pursuing a career as an arson unit investigator after a fire destroys her family's pizzeria, Reena Hale embarks on a relationship with Bo Goodnight and finds herself targeted by a ruthless arsonist who taunts her with threatening phone calls and a string of violent crimes.

### SPC Hosts New Student Experience

South Plains College will be hosting New Student Experience sessions on December 8 and January 11 from 7:45 am to 3:00 pm on the Levelland campus. The fee is \$15 for students including lunch on campus.

The New Student Experience is a great opportunity for students and parents to visit the South Plains College campus and the community of Levelland. All new or transfer students with less than 15 credit hours are encouraged to attend the experience.

The experience will allow students to meet faculty and staff, explore career choices, learn about campus life and organizations, meet with an academic advisor, register for spring classes and learn about financial aid options. There also will be a special question and answer session for parents.

Any student wanting to attend must have college placement scores or exemptions on file in order to attend New Student Experience. To check their test status the student can refer to their acceptance letter. If testing needs to be arranged the student must register in person or mail their testing fees. For more information about testing, contact the Levelland campus at (806) 894-9611, ext. 2530 or for the Reese Center, Bryon Martin Center or Plainview Center contact (806) 885-3048, ext. 4689.

For testing information or to RSVP for New Student Experience, visit [www.southplainscollege.edu/counseling](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/counseling). For more information, contact 806-894-9611, extension 2366.

### Lynn Commissioners Approve Contract For Indigent Defense

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session Monday morning, conferring with District Judge Carter Schildknecht regarding the 2006 Indigent Defense Contract for the 106th District and for Lynn County. Judge Schildknecht presented information and recommended a contract with attorney Artie Aguilar for indigent defense, and commissioners unanimously approved the contract for \$7,734 for the year 2006.

The contract is based on pro rata shares for each of the four counties in the 106th judicial district, based on the previous year's number of indigent cases. The total contract is for \$60,000, with Dawson County paying \$22,644, Gaines County's share at \$20,568 and Garza County's share slightly higher than Lynn County, at \$9,054. Last year, Lynn

County had 41 defendants served under the indigent defense contract. Garza had 48 defendants, Gaines 109, and Dawson 120, according to information presented by Judge Schildknecht.

In other business, commissioners discussed a waiver for retirement for part-time employees, but tabled any action on the issue until the next meeting for further information.

Commissioner Precinct 2 will seek bids for a new motor grader, with commissioners unanimously approving the request. Monthly bills were approved as presented, and commissioners adjourned at 10 p.m. after the one-hour session.

County Judge H.G. Franklin presided at the meeting, with all four commissioners present, including Don Morton, J.T. Miller, Don Blair and Mike Braddock.

Prairie dogs "kiss" by pressing their teeth against each other's face. The kiss enables each animal to tell whether the other belongs to the same family group.

### NEW AT THE LIBRARY

*A Christmas Guest*  
by Anne Perry

During a holiday visit to the home of Charlotte Pitt's parents, Grandmama is called upon to play the role of amateur detective when a fellow guest—an outcast from her own family—is murdered.

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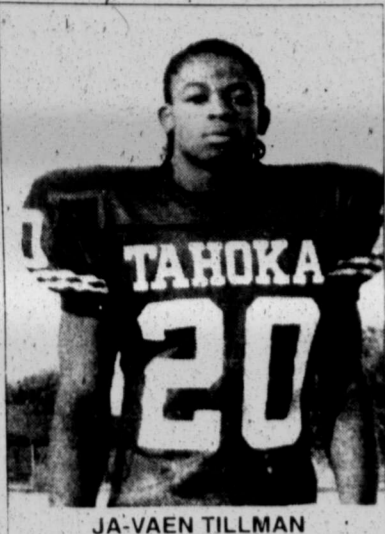
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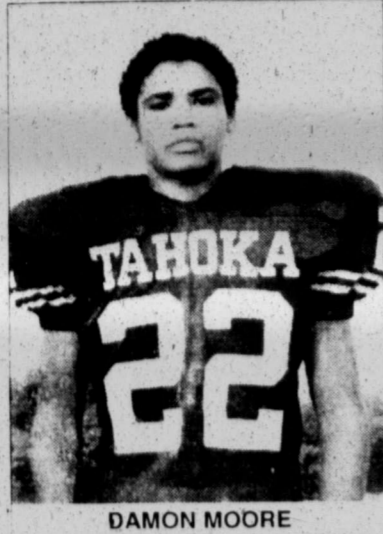
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JA-VAEN TILLMAN



DAMON MOORE

## Tillman, Moore Unanimous First Team All-District FB

Ja-Vaen Tillman, who led Tahoka's rushing attack last season with 961 yards despite missing one game, and Damon Moore, defensive back who had twice as many tackles as any of his teammates, both were unanimous choices on this year's All-District Football first team.

Tahoka also placed six players on the second team and two on honorable mention.

Second team choices were wide receiver Troy Price, offensive guard Ty Cloe, offensive tackle Nathan Garcia, and on defense, end Matt McElland, plus tackle Garcia and defensive back Price also made it on

defense. Quarterback Patrick Dotson was honorable mention on offense and linebacker Jeremy Antu made that list on defense.

The two first teamers, Tillman and Moore, both are juniors and should be back next season for Coach Steve Heryford's Bulldogs.

Tillman averaged 5.4 yards per carry with 177 carries for the 961 yards, and scored 63 points, including nine touchdowns. He also threw five passes, completing three for 134 yards and two touchdowns.

Moore was credited with 93 solo tackles and 40 assisted tackles.

## Gins Eye High Bale Counts ...

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of February, if the weather holds," Ballard said.

"The quality of the cotton is excellent, and the grades have been coming back great," he added.

The Texas Star Co-Op Gin at Wilson/Union is ginning from 1100 to 1200 bales every day, with a bale count up to 46,239 as of Tuesday morning.

"As of right now, we have 96,327 bales ginned and tagged, and we think we'll gin around 110,000 bales before we finish, probably by the end of January or first week of February," said Buzz Cooper, Texas Star manager. "We're just tickled. We called the compress to look at figures from last year, and we're at 45,000 bales compared to only 21,000 bales ginned at this same time last year," he added.

Texas Star ginned a record-setting 120,850 bales in 2004, and Cooper said if the hail hadn't wiped out and damaged producers' crops in a swath east of Union to the Hackberry area, the numbers would be higher than that this year. "If the hail hadn't got it, we would definitely be looking at more cotton than last year,

but we're very pleased with this year's numbers," he added.

Woolam Gin in O'Donnell had ginned 16,276 bales by Tuesday morning, compared to 4,796 at this same date last year, going on to set an annual record of 42,675 bales for 2004. Wells Coop Gin set a record in 2004 also, with 36,809 bales, and they are currently at 12,000 bales and counting, compared to 5,525 at this time last year. Grassland Coop Gin is at 5,766 bales this week, a marked increase from last year's 652 bales on Nov. 30, 2004. They also had a banner year with 17,902 bales in 2004.

Close City Gin in Post had a record-setting 12,027 bales in 2004, and are currently at 4,118 bales this week, compared to only 500 bales at this time last year; and Lynn County Gin reported a bale count of 2,453 Tuesday morning, compared to only 55 bales at this time last year. They ginned 7,175 bales of cotton in 2004, their first year of operation.

All in all, the numbers are looking very good for Lynn County producers and gins, and if the weather continues to hold, ginning at most area gins should be nearly completed by the end of January.



**It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ...** Christie Cloud painted holiday messages on storefront windows in Tahoka Tuesday, like this one on the window at Tahoka Drug, as area residents begin putting out their holiday decorations for the season. (LCN PHOTO)

## Hospital Eyes Changes In Financial Reporting

Lynn County Hospital directors Tuesday discussed possible changes in financial reports with Brandon Durbin of Lubbock, the hospital's accountant, who explained several options which might make it easier for board members to understand all the financial aspects of hospital operations.

Hospital Administrator Jim Morris advised the board that all-day training sessions in bio-terrorism are scheduled Dec. 6 and Jan. 11 for representatives of the various departments of the hospital.

The board passed resolutions involving policy and procedures and approved medical staff privileges for

Dr. George Garza, a Lubbock anesthesiologist.

Rates for residents at Lynnwood were compared to rates of other assisted living facilities in the area and it was decided to leave the rates as they are at this time.

Resignation of longtime board member Virginia Griffing for health reasons was submitted by letter and accepted with regret by the board.

Board president Billy Tomlinson presided. Other board members present were Joan Knox, Cal Huffaker, Regina Crutcher and Dalton Wood. Absent was Jerry Ford.



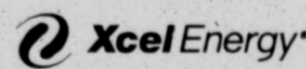
**WILSON ALL DISTRICT HONORABLE MENTION** - Wilson High School students RJ Hicks, Nathan Bassinger, Randy Rodriguez, Andrew Borrayo, Rueben Quezada, Landon Wilke, and Jonathan Perez were named All District Honorable Mention for football this year.



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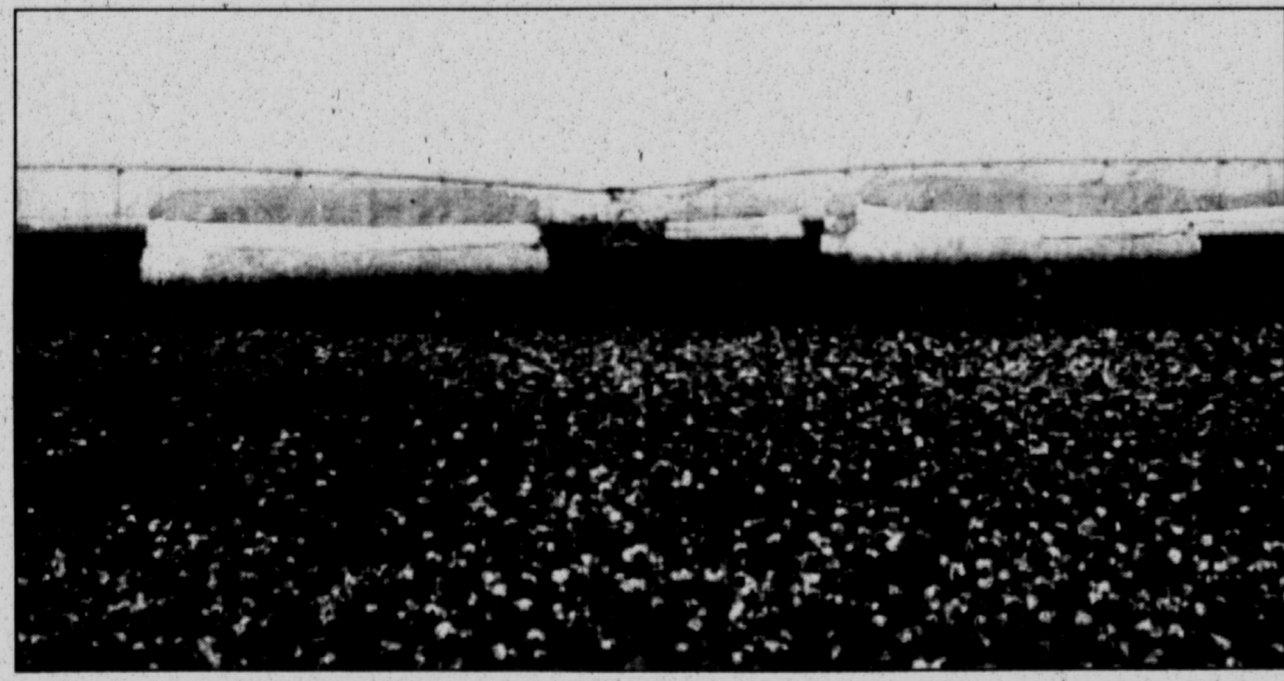
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**Tuesday:** Tortilla Omelet  
**Wednesday:** Blueberry Muffins  
**Thursday:** Biscuit/Sausage  
**Friday:** Cinnamon Pastry
- Lunch**  
**Monday:** Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich, Pinto Beans, Apple  
**Tuesday:** Chicken Quesadilla, Carrot/Cucumber, Lettuce/Tomato, Grapes  
**Wednesday:** Fiesta Salad, Cheese Cup, Refried Beans, Pineapple Tidbits  
**Thursday:** Popcorn Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Green beans, Carrot/Cucumber, Orange Half  
**Friday:** Chili Cheese Dog, Tator Tots, Chili Beans, Peach Cobbler

## COMING SOON To the City-County Library

**Due in December**  
*Forever Odd* by Dean Koontz, *S is for Silence* by Sue Grafton, *There's Something About Christmas* by Debbie Macomber, *On the Run* by Iris Johansen, *Turning Angel* by Greg Iles, *Red Leaves* by Belva Plain, *Every Breath You Take* by Judith McNaught, *The Consumer Drug Reference*, *The Ambler Sequence* by Robert Ludlum, *Predator* by Patricia Cornwell, *President Reagan: the Triumph of Imagination* by Richard Reeves, *The Best Christmas Gift* by Tim LaHaye and Gregory Dinallo, *Red Lily* by Nora Roberts, *Hunt Club* by John Lescroart, *Elvis, Jesus & Coca-Cola* by Kinky Friedman, *Driven From Within* by Michael Jordan and Tinker Hatfield, *Cracking the GED 2006*, *Cracking the New SAT 2006*, *Corrections Officer* by Peggy Post, and *The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell* by Lilian Jackson Braun

**Due in January**  
*Gone* by Lisa Gardner, *Just Rewards* by Barbara Taylor Bradford, *Hostage* by W.E.B. Griffin, *All Night Long* by Jayne Ann Krentz, *Memory in Death* by J.D. Robb, *Death Dance* by Linda Fairstein, *Emily Post's Wedding Etiquette* by Peggy Post, and *The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell* by Lilian Jackson Braun

## Texas Golf Pass Makes Great Gift

Over 280 Texas golf courses have teamed up with the American Cancer Society's 2006 Texas Golf Pass to help raise money to fight cancer in Texas. And, it's just in time for the holidays.

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